THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMI CALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JA1CHANDRA SINGH): (a) The Drug (Prices Control) Order, 1979 was based on the Drug Policy, 1978 which had been approved at the appropriate level.

(b) All required approvals shall be obtained.

Agitation in Assam against the Oil. Chairman

2588. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an agitation was going on on behalf of the All Assam Students' Union (AASU) demand ing the removal of the Chairman of the public sector firm, Oil India Limited and what were the reasons for the agitation.

(b) whether Government have verified the al egations made against the Chairman and what is the out come thurreof; and

(c) whether Government are aware that such chauvinistic attitude in various States like Assam and Bombay are to be thwarted to create a sense of security in the minds of the public sector officers and whether Government would take necessary steps to inculcate national awareness amongst the people there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) AASU were demanding removal of the Chairman O.I.L. based on certain allegations, which are being examined.

(c) Y»s, Sir.

Captive Power Plants

2589. PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO:
SHRI ADINARAYAN REDDY:
SHRI G. SWAMY NAIK:

Will the MirU'ter of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is Government's policy regarding the installation of captive Power Plants;

(b) what is the existing capacity of Captive Power Plants;

(c) whether there is any possibility of increasing their efficiency and also the low cost fuels;

(d) whether licences are issued for impo'rt of! these diesel generating[1] sets; and

(e) if so, what is the power range in which import is allowed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGD: (a) and (b) Permission to instal captive plants is accorded where the requirement of power is substantial and continuous and reliable power supply is necessary. The State Electricity Boards are empowered to accord such permission if the capacity is upto 25 MW; consultation with the Central Electricity Authority is necessary in cases where the proposed capacity is more than 25 MW. The existing capacity of captive power plants in the private sector is about 4000 MW.

(c) Higher . efficiencies can be achieved if the captiva_power plants operate in cogeneralion mode. Low cost fuels are in use for diesel generating (DG) sets.

(&) and (e) Under the Import Policy, DG sets of ratings above 1000 KVA are allowed to be imported Applications for DO sets in the range from above 500 KVA to 1000 KVA are also considered on merits depending upon the delivery schedule from

indigenous sources. Import of DG ,set$_s$ upto 500 K *J A* is not allowed.

Import of llifainpicin

2590. SHRI R\FIQUE ALAM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be phased to state:

(a) what pub ic purpose has been served by refus ag to register imports of Rifampicin under Open General Licence of the Import Trade Control Policy;

(b) what was the purpose of keeping zero rate o. customs duty on the bulk drug as w 11 as the intermediate if the registration for import was to be stopped; and

f c) which pj ovision of the Druy Policy or the i nport Trade Control Policy authorises or provides compe-!°ncy to refuse registration for import of bulk diug and what ai'e the reasons for getting th$_e$ policy amended after a laps; of one and a half years?

THE MINUS CER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-C HEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANTRA SINGH(: (a) to *fc)* The mattei is sub-judice and is pending in the Delhi High Court.

Bearing of Drug Companies by Ministry

2591.>SHRI S S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister o INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to (he answer to Unstarred Question 67 ,gi e$_n$ in the Rajya Sabha on th$_e$ 2Tth Jily 1987 and $_s$ta$^+$e:

(a) what w is the date on which the Supreme >ourt gave judgement on drug prices

(b) when < id his Ministry give a bearing to ea h drug company along with the date an<j name of tie company,

(c) when was the representation of eaeh company disposed of along with the details of decision taken in each eas«;

(d) whether it i$_s$ a feat that drug companies did ^{not} deposit the difference in Drugs Prices Equalisation Account within eight weeks as per the judgement;

(e) if so, what action has been taken against th$_e$ drug companies hi accordance with the Essential Commodies Act;

(f) by when price$_s$ as fixed will be implemented by th$_e$ drug companies;

(g) whether it is a fact that the Supreme Court had remarked that pric$_e$ control is for the benefit of the consumers and not the producers; and

(h) if so, why his Ministry is taking action against the consumer's interest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) to (c) The Supreme Court delivered judgement on 10th April, 1987 in the esse of M/s. Cyanamide (India) Ltd. and on 1st jMay, 1987 in other cases. The names of the concerned companies alongwith their dates of hearing ®re given in the attached statement. (See below). Further action in $_a$H esses has beei taken as per due process of Law.

(d) and (e) Necessary action *to* re cover the difference in prices has been taken as per du$_e$ process of Law.

(f) All State Drug Controllers have been directed to ensure implementa. tion of the Prices fixed by the Gov. ernment for concerned bulk drugs and formulations.

(g) Yes, Sir.